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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 2, 1999, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102(b) and § 103 rejections in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 2, 1999, indicated that the previous rejection was withdrawn, that claims 1, 6 and 12 stand rejected under § 102(b) as being anticipated by Iwasaki (JP '588A), and that claims 2-5, 7-11, 13, and 14 stand rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iwasaki (JP '588A) in view of Sason et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,106,107).

Assuming *arguendo* that the Iwasaki and Sason references are applicable in terms of technology, Applicant submits that the Iwasaki reference is not "prior" art and, for this reason, each of the § 102(b) and the § 103(a) rejections should be withdrawn. According to the translation provided by the Examiner, the Iwasaki reference was filed in Japan on February 2, 1990 and published on October 11, 1991. As set forth in the Office Action response filed April